

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

ALL WHEAT & SMALL GRAIN SILAGE SOLD IN TEXAS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

Wheat

3 CENTS (3¢) PER BUSHEL

Small Grain Silage

16 CENTS (16¢) PER TON

Collections to be made by **FIRST HANDLER** with monthly deposits to:

Texas Wheat Producers Board

5405 West I-40 | Amarillo, Texas 79106 | (806) 352-2191 | info@texaswheat.org

An assessment of three cents (\$0.03) per bushel of all wheat and sixteen cents (\$0.16) per ton of all small grain silage is in place on all production sold in Texas. Collections are to be made by the “first handler” whether sold, placed in private or government storage, warehouse receipt issued, cleaned for seed, processed or shipped. There are no exemptions from this assessment on the part of producers or for making collection on the part of firms handling wheat or small grains. This includes elevators, gins, pick-up points, shippers, seed companies, mills, feeding facilities, FSA offices, etc. Failure to make collection or pay the assessment is a misdemeanor subject to penalty of the law and administrative penalties.

TEXAS COMMODITY REFERENDUM LAW: The law states that it is in the interest of the public welfare of the State of Texas that the producers of any agricultural commodity be permitted and encouraged to develop, carry out and participate in programs of research, disease and insect control, predator control, education and promotion designed to encourage the production, marketing and use of the agricultural commodity. The programs may be devised to alleviate any circumstance or condition that serves to impede the production, marketing or use of any agricultural commodity - in this instance, wheat and small grains. Actions by Texas wheat and small grain producers in referendums completed in 2023 and 2025 established the maximum rates of the grain and silage statewide assessment. Later action by the Texas Wheat Producers Board set the current assessment rates in effect as of April 1, 2026.

REFUND: While there is no exemption from paying the assessment, the law provides that any producer who has paid such assessment may obtain a refund of the amount paid, if application for a refund is made within 60 days after date of payment. Such application shall be in simple letter form, accompanied by proof of payment and filed with the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Refunds will be made within 30 days after receipt of such request and receipt of such funds from the handlers. The handler has no responsibility or authority to provide any form or other refund assistance to a producer other than proof of payment on his regular settlement sheet of which the producer receives a copy. All refund requests can be sent to by mail Texas Wheat Producers Board, 5405 West Interstate 40, Amarillo, TX 79106 or by email to info@texaswheat.org.

THE TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD: The Texas Commodity Referendum Law provides that in an assessment referendum, an election of members to a producer board must be held. When certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture, this board has the responsibility to formulate and administer programs and to expend and account for funds collected under the program.

Texas Wheat Producers Board Directors

Jody Bellah, Throckmorton
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THE TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION: The Association operates as a separate organization from the board and is focused on local, state and national policy issues affecting wheat farmers. Checkoff collections do not constitute membership in the Association, which operates on voluntary private producer membership dues.